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SUBJECT: TIP IN TURKEY: Interior Ministry reports details on recent TIP investigations

1. (U) During a March 3 meeting with Mehmet Terzioğlu, the Interior Ministry's Head of the Department for Foreigners, Borders, and Asylum, we requested information on the following trafficking in persons cases appearing recently in the Turkish media. The response received is provided below, translated by local FSN employees.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT: We received information that a Kyrgyz citizen woman named Aida and a man kept some foreign women by force at Eminonu Guvenlik Street, Senturkler Apartment, No: 45, Kumkapi, Istanbul and in the evenings these women were sold to men. An operation was carried out on March 12, 2005. As a result, the following happened:

Saneddin Vural, who was born in Mus in 1971 to the couple Suleyman/Sabriye;
Olena Kut, who was born in the Ukraine in 1977 but later assumed Turkish citizenship and was registered in Kastamonu;
Olga Konuk, who is a Russian citizen but registered in Hatay;
Dinara Amankulova, who was born in Kyrgyzstan in 1975 were found in the apartment.

Amankulova stated that there were other Kyrgyz women working for a woman called Aida. Following this information Kyrgyz citizens:
Nurgul Tokonbaeva;
Roza Raeva;
Zinagol Toichieva were captured.

During meetings later with Amankulova, it was learned that Aida moved to another address about 10-15 days ago. She said that she could show the address (apartment). It was determined that this address was Cakiraga District, Abdullah Cavus Street, next to Saglam Hotel. At this address we captured the following:
Gulanda Sasykbaeva, who is a Kyrgyz citizen;
Gulzada Musabeeva, who is a Kyrgyz citizen;
Dina Joroeva, who was born in 1984 and is a Kyrgyz citizen and who is also known as Aida.

Among these people, we found out that the victims were:
Dinara Amankulova;
Nazgul Tokonbaeva;
Roza Raeva;
Zinagol Toichieva.

In their testimony they stated that they were sent to Istanbul from Kyrgyzstan by Aygul, the older sister of Dina Joroeva, to serve as nannies and for cleaning houses.

They also stated that they were forced into human trafficking by Dina Joroeva, Fahriye Bilic, Burhan Topuz, Gulanda Sasykbaeva and Ferhat, Ilyas, Mahabbat (whose full names not known), as well as by police officers Ali Satirli and Ali Toprak.

They filed complaints against those people and sued them.

Gulzada Musabeeva said that she came to our country for being involved in prostitution voluntarily, that she wanted to earn money, and that she was not complaining or suing anyone. Upon this development:

Dina Joroeva and Gulanda Sasykbaeva were arrested for being involved in international human trafficking (TPC Article 201(b) and policeman from Eminonu Police Station Ali Toprak was arrested for assisting international human trafficking. They were put in jail.

Operations are underway in order to capture Fahriye Bilici, police officer from Eminonu Police Station Ali Satirli, Burhan Topuz, and Ferhat, Ilyas and Mahabbat (whose full names are not known).

Operations are underway for Gulzada Musabeeva, who came to Turkey voluntarily for prostitution, to leave our country.

Dinara Amankulova, Nazgul Tokonbaeva, Reza Raeva and Zinagol Toichieva, who are the victims of human trafficking, were taken under protection and necessary operations are underway for putting them in the shelter in Istanbul.

Upon information that Uzbek citizen Umurzakovna and Nargiza Osmanova, born to Nazire in Taskent in 1980 were involved in human trafficking, we arrested six people.

We learned that the victim was forced into prostitution earlier in Antalya and later was sold (to someone) in Mersin. Ozmanova, accompanied by officials, was sent to Antalya.

Following operations in Antalya, we found out the following:

A criminal gang that calls itself "Empire of Paradise" was deceiving women coming from abroad to Turkey and forcing them into prostitution. If women resisted, then they were threatening them that they would be shot. They forced the women into working by using torture. The gang took away the passports of these women.

In coordination with the TNP HQs, the Antalya and Mersin police jointly conducted an operation on January 3, 2005 and the following happened:

Seventeen of the 25 people involved in the gang were detained. Four were already in jail for other crimes. The remaining four were at large and are still being searched for.

In the searches at the four places used as brothels by these people and during the searches on their bodies, we found:

- Three pistols of different caliber and brand;
- Twenty-one cartridges for these pistols;
- A knife;
- Note pads on which they wrote down their daily revenue;
- Two passports that belong to the two foreign women.

During the operation, the following foreign women who were victims and were kept by force were rescued:
Nargiza Yusupova, who is a Turkmenistan citizen;
Olena Lidvinenko, who is a Ukrainian citizen;
Tatyana Marchyk, who is a Ukrainian citizen.

As a result of judicial works on these people, eleven of them were arrested and seven were set free to be tried on release.

The victims were put in the shelter in Istanbul on January 13, 2005.

Tatyana Marchyk on February 4, and Nargiza Yusupova on February 18 were sent to their countries safely through cooperation with IOM.

Olena Lidvinenko and Nargiza Yakupova are currently still in the shelter and their needs are met there.

The Antalya Heavy Penal Court Number 1 at a session on March 1, 2005, ruled for the continuation of the arrest status of the eleven suspects. The court also ruled for the search to continue to capture the fugitive suspects. It adjourned the case. END TEXT.

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